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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## 🔶 December

6th - Sinterklaas/St. Nikolaus event 6th - PCA Committee Meeting - 8.30am 7th - Secondary House Quiz 10th - BIST PCA Christmas Market - 11.00am-2.00pm 13th - Parent Class Reps meeting - 8.30am 14th - EYKS1 Christmas Show - 2.30pm 15th - Primary Class Christmas Parties - 1.00pm-2.25pm 16th - Community Christmas Carol Concert - 2.00pm-3.30pm 16th - Last day of Term 1 (school ends 3.30pm)

## 🔆 January

10th - Start of Term 2 10th-17th - Year 11, 12 and 13 Mock Exams

## West End Stars

Last week our expedition to London's West End returned and our group had a fantastic time seeing two theatre productions of two very different genres, participating in a theatre workshop and also seeing some of the sights that London has to offer.



## **Toy Drive**

The PCA Toy Drive for disadvantaged children is still open to donations. We have not received many toys yet. Please send a toy into school with your child for this worthy cause.

## Hot Chocolate

On Friday our Parents Community Association is selling hot chocolate to students at break and lunchtime. Please send children to school with 3GEL if they would like some hot chocolate.

## Dear Parents

Last week at BIST was Health & Fitness Week. Obviously, we hope that students are trying to be healthy and fit throughout the year, but this week gives us the opportunity to focus on various aspects of Health & Fitness. During the week, there were a range of sporting and fitness events as available and awareness sessions on the topic. The week ended for our Secondary students with two healthy alternatives - the inter-house swimming gala or a hike in the Lisi area. The swimming gala



was a great event and our Secondary students travelled to Gldani Nadzaladevi Complex Sports Center for our first swimming gala following COVID. Students participated in 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. There were some fantastic performances and a good number of exciting races. The gala finished with the prize ceremony. The overall winning house were the Panthers, with the Leopards in second, Pumas in third and Tigers in fourth. Mr. Yang congratulates all students who took part in the swimming gala and says well done to all our winners. A special note for Aliaksei from Year 9 was the champion in all his events. He swam the 50m freestyle in 28 seconds and in the butterfly event, he even swam with the year 12 and 13 students and still became champion. Non-swimmers participated on a 15km hike along the Lisi Ridge to experience some of the wonderful countryside near school.

Unfortunately, I missed Health & Fitness Week (and I am trying to catch up on fitness this week, I promise) as I was performing one of the duties of COBIS-accredited school principals in visiting and assessing compliance with COBIS standards a school in Belgrade. As a school principal, myself and my fellow principals all agree that this is the best form of professional development a school leader can get. And yes, I did come back with some new ideas as well as the feeling that BIST is definitely a great school when compared with our peers.

#### Primary Progress Awards Friday 18th November

On Friday the 18th, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated great levels of progress recently..

Primary Progress Award Winners				
Foundation 1	Ariana, Erhan	Year 3W	Charbel Maroun, Kiasha	
Foundation 1/2	Avery, Sofia	Year 4D	Nita, Tim	
Foundation 2	Daniel, Nina	Year 4L	Elisabet, Erekle	
Year 1A	Adam, Zlata	Year 5S	Bushra, Emma	
Year 1J	Nikoloz, Xavier	Year 5T	Adam, Anna	
Year 2C	Amirkhan, Sofya	Year 6R	Itamar, Vera	
Year 2K	Nana, Soen	Year 6V	Ravna, Seva	
Year 3B	Alex, Imran	Congratulations to all our winners!		

### **Sports Results**

Since the last edition of The Roar we have a number of sports results to catch up on. Our Senior Girls Football team played out an entertaining 2-2 draw with BGA in the week before last; followed the day after with a game against the same opposition at the Year 7&8 age group in which an injury hit side valiantly battled on in a 4-0 defeat which was their first ever competitive outing. On Friday 18th our Senior boys basketballers faced off against New School and in a pulsating, fast paced game they could have gone either way, the Lions lost by 67-61. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday of that week our mixed and girls volleyball teams were in action. In Friday and Saturday's tournament against various local schools, our mixed KS3 team came 3rd overall.



#### Primary Health & Fitness Awards Friday 25th November

On Friday of last week, the Primary staff awarded certificates to students who have demonstrated their commitment to Health & Fitness.

Primary Health & Fitness Award Winners				
Foundation 1	Mate, Soma	Year 3W	Emma, Leo	
Foundation 1/2		Year 4D		
Foundation 2		Year 4L		
Year 1A	Boris, Victoria	Year 5S		
Year 1J		Year 5T		
Year 2C		Year 6R	Oliver, Vica	
Year 2K		Year 6V		
Year 3B	Moisei, Robert	Congratulations to all our winners!		

## **Reading Superstars**

Week 11's Reading Superstar is Soen from 2K! Soen has won for his constant dedication to his reading. He takes time to read everyday in class as well as at home. He is choosing more and more complex books from the school library and can answer questions about them confidently. Keep up the excellent work Soen! Last week's Reading Superstar is Elisa from 4L! Elisa has won for her unbridled enthusi-





asm for reading. She changes her home reading book regularly and enjoys discussing her chosen books. In Guided Reading lessons, she works hard on the skills taught and is extremely keen to improve. Well done Elisa.

### **Christmas Market**

Our list of stalls for the Christmas Market is growing rapidly with over 40 stalls now expected to be selling a wide range of great local products.





**3517 POINTS** 



**3484 POINTS** 



**3235 POINTS** 

#### **3717 POINTS**

**Mr. Stephen Priest** Principal

**Ms. Alexandra Backhouse** Vice Principal & Head of Primary

**Mr. Adam Whybro** Head of Secondary **Mr. Alex Timmis** EYKS1 Coordinator

**Mr. Simon Rooney** KS2 Coordinator

**Mr. James Miller** KS3 Coordinator **Ms. Sadie Rodea** KS4 Coordinator

Mr. Les Pemberton Head of Sixth Form

**Ms. Tumika Sthapit** Head of Administration **Ms. Sophie Kasrashvili** PA to the Principal

**Ms. Tamuna Skhiereli** Office & Resource Manager

**Ms. Tata Petashvili** Secondary Office Manager 30th November 2022

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